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G. I. Summary
Of World News
By SGT. O. J. REMINGTON

What will the New Year bring? In times of peace, New Year's Eve has always been a time of celebration, with the thought of the New Year and what it might mean to the individual in the background. Probably to be more seriously considered when the individual awoke the next day and tried to recall what had gone on the evening before.

But this year, the thought of what the future year means, what it will bring to the entire world, as well as to each individual, will undoubtedly be uppermost in the minds of all Americans.

Certainly the future of 1943 looks a good deal brighter to all of us than the year of 1942 looked to us at this same time last year.

The nation has buckled down to war, facing all the hardships it has brought, performing a record-breaking major miracle in turning the entire productive forces of a nation of peace losers into production for the terribly grim business of war, looking ahead without fear to many more serious privations and hardships that seem certain to be faced before final Victory can be achieved.

That business of turning our forces into war production in a few short months is something that our enemies did not count upon. That thought it couldn't be done, that, granted it might be accomplished, the American people was too soft, too fat, too lazy, to desire to do it.

Our enemies made the same mistake, it may be remembered, back in 1917. They underestimated entirely our ability to get terribly mad as a nation, and to roll up our sleeves and finish any job that confronted us.

This time their mistake will be more costly—dearer. This time America has been attacked. The nation is in dire peril. There are 52 weeks of 1942 now coming to a close.

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On the actual fighting fronts, the future certainly holds more promise for 1943 than at this time a year ago. Our men and equipment are pushing ahead in Africa. Our men and equipment are pushing ahead in the vastness of the Pacific. A year ago we were in pretty bad shape. We still have a long way to go our leaders warn us before we can turn the tide. But our armies have begun to make offensive movements and our naval strength has been rebuilt after Pearl Harbor.

And certain it seems that our enemies will feel the might of our armed wrath in the year to come. Whether 1943 will see an ultimate victory, of course, is far from the power of prediction. But at least the 12 months that lie ahead are heavy with promise of brightness contrasted with the 12 months that lay ahead at this particular time in 1941.

With food rationing now on the way, the fuel, gasoline and oil situation still is acute, but a note of cheer is injected by an announcement of the War Production Board that an approach of the barge, tugboat and coastwise building program recommended by O.P.T. Construction is to begin shortly on 500 wooden tank barges, 21 steel hull towboats and 100 tugboats to enable an additional 600,000 barrels of residual fuel oil within five months, and 100,000 barrels within 10 months. Terminals are to be constructed at Jacksonville and Panama City, Fla., and Cairo, Ill.

Commenting on the assassination of Admiral Darlan, Secretary of State Hull called it "an odious and cowardly act," and then went on to say that now the time for consideration is not to be diverted for a moment from the

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Norse Officer Eluded Nazis To Join Allies

Lt. Melby Training At Infantry School To Fight Axis Again

Norwegians are tough. When the Nazi legions drove through the small Scandinavian country in 1940, thousands of strong, proud Norwegian soldiers were captured and forced to lay down their arms.

But since the German invasion, many rugged Scandinavians have eluded their captors and fled to freedom, once again to take up arms against the aggressors who invaded their homeland.

Such is the saga of Lieutenant Willy K. Melby, now Lt. Benning's Infantry School, who was forced to give up his arms and equipment and return to civilian life after the Nazi conquest. But Lt. Melby, like so many of his countrymen, would not follow Norway's arch-traitor Quisling.

After a year in occupied Norway, Lt. Melby made good his escape. With a friend, he crossed the border into Sweden on skis. From Sweden, Lt. Melby's odyssey carried him by airplane to Hong Kong, China, by way of Moscow and Chungking, a distance of nearly six thousand miles.

At Hong Kong, Lt. Melby stayed at the American Embassy for two weeks, during which time the Japs bombed the city relentlessly, spreading death and destruction in the following passage on a Norwegian cargo vessel, Lt. Melby earned his passage to Los Angeles—some seven weeks after fleeing his native land.

FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

From the time of his arrival in this country, Lt. Melby has been actively working toward the re-education of his homeland's emigration from the humiliating rule of Quisling and the Germans. He has taken several military courses in Canada, and worked for the Norwegian Government in exile, which has been calling to arms Norwegian Nationals to Canada.

At this time, Lt. Melby is on special duty as a student in the Battalion Commander and Staff Officers' Course at the Infantry School.

Intent upon seeing his country (Continued on Page 7)

R. C. Chorus Voted Best Musical Group

Unit Gains Fame On 'Cheers' Broadcast

Bond Delivery Begins Mar. 1

Regular delivery of war bonds purchased by civilians under the class A pay reservation plan should be accomplished by March 1, 1943, according to Colonel J. H. McFall, post finance officer.

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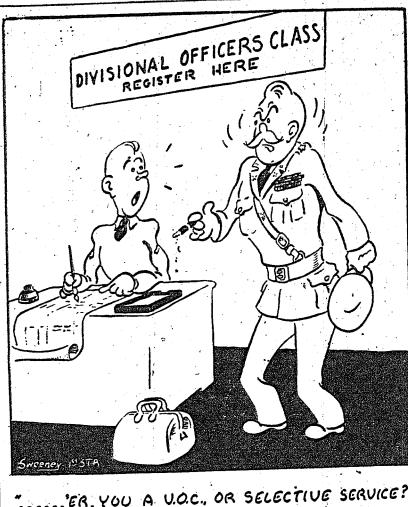
O. C. 'Doing It Again'; Sutter Trained In 1918

"The Infantry is the Queen of instruction committees, as we know them at Fort Benning, were just being conceived. Training was limited to the knowledge that a few men could impart. However, we must realize that the basic for future Officers' Training was being developed and our present system of exposing Candidates to the viewpoints and experience of many instructors gradually evolved.

The methods developed at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, concludes Sutter, are so well-defined and comprehensive in comparison that the term "superlative" is an underestimation. However, this can be directly traced to the fact that our conception of an infantry leader has undergone a radical change. No longer is the infantry considered a display of overwhelming strength but in its place we have a well-trained, intelligent fighting unit. In addition to developing physical prowess the infantryman is taught the value of mental alertness. Therefore, we can consider him as a well-versed soldier participant in the tactical use of weapons, above all, a thinking individual who comprehends his place in the combat picture.

"The mortar and the automatic rifle were first coming into play; therefore, we were given the Springfield rifle as our basic and savour. Naturally," Sutter continued, "the aim of the course was to harden the men and teach them what could have learned by bitter experience."

Officer's Training Schools in 1918 were composed principally of experienced soldiers and those withdrawn from combat to be trained as leaders. These men had already learned the significance of the phrase "battle tested" and therefore, they had little need to receive the value of the applicatory phase of instruction. All classes were conducted by the commanding officer and company officers of the candidate company. In



.....'ER. YOU A U.O.C. OR SELECTIVE SERVICE?

O. C. Company Gives Bonds As Yule Gifts

Santa Claus "passed the bonds" this Christmas to friends and relatives of officer candidates in the Eighth Company, Third Student Training Regiment, where officer candidates purchased \$206.

As "Win" so ably puts it, "the Japs' conception of heaven is dying in combat . . . heaven's heaven is coming home."

With this spirit, you can't lick the "doughboy."

OFFICERS REASSIGNED

Seven officers in the Second Student Training Regiment recently received new assignments elsewhere. Lt. Claude M. Merrill of the Personnel Office has gone to Brigade headquarters, while the following officers all have new assignments in the Infantry School: Lt. Jess W. Walls, 18th Co.; Thomas G. Hammom, 9th Co.; Lester D. Troutman, 5th Bn. HQ; James M. Bradford, 3rd Co.; Lloyd W. Engeland, 1st Co.; and George M. German, 10th Co.

Earlier in the month, Lt. Malcolm Kulmar, tactical officer of the Eighth Company charged with bond sales, proposed a "Bond Christmas" to candidates as a means of beating the holiday shopping rush and helping Uncle Sam at the same time. The drive was aided by posters and stamps showing mounting sales of bonds and stamps.

The Eighth Company already had allotted \$1,557.75 worth of their December pay for bonds and had purchased nearly \$400.00 additional in bonds and stamps over the company's pay table on pay day. Thus total December sale of bonds will amount to about \$2,189.00, a record of which may justly be proud of and passed on.

December marks the third month during which one hundred per cent of the Eighth Company's roster has made pay reservations. Captain William G. Scheding is the commanding officer of the company whose motto is "Save for your and America's future."

Pine-Bur' Forms Press Club

Formation of a press club among the many former newspapermen and radio casters now officer candidates in the Second Student Training Regiment is being sponsored by the regimental press club, THE PINE-BUR.

Many companies in the regiment already have press clubs started which meet once a week to drum up contributions for their paper, and the idea of the informal club is to get these groups together for a weekly conference.

117TH PROMOTES

The commanding officer of the 117th Infantry this week announced the promotions of eight men from his regiment. Pfc. Joe H. Milton was promoted to technician grade four. Raised to technician grade five were Pvts. Carl H. James, Jack D. Shelton, Thomas Testner, and Peter B. Pothier, and Pcs. Fred C. Leno, Thomas W. Colasanto, and Thomas J. Reece.

food must be carried along the trail they pick out.

Teams of two men carry the rations from the dump to the kitchen, using shelter halves, blankets or other means of transportation that they may be able to use. As each man arrives to the kitchen with his load, the cook is informed as to the contents and he must direct its storage in the proper place.

Meanwhile, he's got to keep an eye on that fire and take care of his smoke. He's got to keep the fire and smoke from burning; to let the beef stew burn; keep the water hot for the dehydrated potatoes and keep the coffee from boiling over.

The instructions don't tell how he handles all his jobs—in the dark, at that. It's simply regulation that he's got to do it.

210 Rooms Are Available For Civilians

Quarters Ready For Occupancy January 2

Room for more than 200 civilian employees of Fort Benning still is available in the new dormitories established on the Post, it was announced today as it also was announced that the rooms would be ready for occupancy on Jan. 2.

So far about 100 applications for rooms have been received and filled, but altogether, the new dormitories can accommodate 310, when all rooms are filled to capacity, the Post Engineer's office said.

The dormitories have been built behind Disneyery A, and are to be completely furnished, even to linens. No mess has been established but one may be set up later if conditions warrant, Col. Albert J. Bain, post engineer, said. Rooms are renting for \$15 per month for single occupancy, \$12 for two, and \$8 for three occupants, he said.

Rooms are available for both white and colored personnel and for both men and women employees. Civil Service personnel have the first choice on applications while other civilian employees such as Red Cross personnel, officers' wives, employees and others will be housed after the civil service employee applications are filled.

Applications for rooms in the new dormitories now are being accepted at the Basing Office at Post Headquarters. While rooms vacated by previous occupants still are available at the dormitories, the room situation in down-

Father, Private, Sees Son Get Gold Bars

A father who was recently drafted into the Army at the age of 42 was transferred to Fort Benning just in time to see his son, 21, graduated from Officer Candidate school here.

The father is Pvt. Howard S. Johnson of the Third Battalion Headquarters Company, Third Armored Regiment, while his son is now 2d Lt. Lionel H. Johnson, an alumnus of the Second Student Training Regiment's 23rd Company.

The son enlisted in the New York National Guards in 1939, spent two years with that outfit and then went to a Tank Destroyer unit in the state of Washington, from where he came to O. C. school.

His father was just drafted on Nov. 16 of this year, and was sent after proceeding to Benning, where he immediately looked up his son.

A vehicle should always be parked in a place where camouflage may be used to prevent its shape, shadow and tracks from revealing its location to the enemy.

Drivers of motor vehicles should remain in concealment near their trucks, but not in or under them and never gather in groups.

town Columbus for families of personnel at the Fort is growing more acute, the Basing Office reported. No single rooms were available all last week and there

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'Yank' Scribe Visits Post

Describes Inner Workings Of Paper

Making a survey of Army camps through the country, Pvt. William C. Croco, representative of the Army's own newspaper, "Yank," has been at Fort Benning for several days.

He described the 24-page tabloid and told how it was established, drawing upon expert journalists, writers, editors, artists, photographers from the ranks of Army men who have marched and drilled and sweated with the tools of war.

So well liked is "Yank" that it has been sent to the far corners of the world to report the activities of American Armed forces overseas.

Among well known writers are included Marion Hargrove, author

of the best seller "See Here, Private Hargrove"; Joe McCarthy, well known Boston Post sports editor, who is managing editor; Sgt. Harry Brown of "New Yorker" fame as assistant managing editor. On the art staff are such men as S-Sgt. Dave Breger, creator of the "Sgt. Sarge" cartoon; Ralph Steiner, Cpl. Pete Park and many others who have contributed to national publications.

Sgt. Walter Bernstein, formerly of the Infantry School Public Relations staff, is the Army's new newspaper "Yank" has been at Fort Benning for several days.

Among the regular features are a series of articles on our enemies as well as our allies; articles describing personnel training and fighting equipment of the various armies; a weekly news summary, "Intelligence"; by far the main sports page and stories covered in special pages while every issue contains a page of cartoons by soldier-artists. A number of short wave radio programs also have been established under titles of G. I. News and G. I. Jive. The paper gives accurate news from

the battle fronts.

CHRISTMAS IS OVER BUT THE WAR ISN'T

Let This Be Your New Year's Resolution

Keep Buying War Bonds

Save Regularly in 1943 With A Pay Reservation

Fort Benning Boasts 46 Varieties of Trees

Forty-five miles of trees, with 46 different varieties recognizable as a formidable array of thousands of trees that must be maintained at Fort Benning, with two tree surgeons and a detail of men continuously on the job.

The surgeons are Staff Sergeant Wm. Purvis, assisted by Sgt. R. A. Steedley, and theirs is a year around job, under the direction of Captain Lester Bridges, post green house officer.

Daily they make the rounds of trees, doctoring the broken ones, pruning, spraying in the spring and fall, and those they are protected against enemy blasts or that proper work is done during the cold months on the ground around them so that they will be healthy and beautiful in the summer.

Sgt. Purvis estimates that there are 45,000 trees lining streets and boulevards on the Post, besides many that have been set out or were native to the post in various areas. There are at least 20,000 trees that he must take care of through the year, he estimates.

He's got a list of the trees that Sgt. Purvis and Sgt. Steedley have identified—and they admit that there may be even more varieties than they have not yet come across:

Tulip poplar; sweet gum; maple; mimosa; sugar water; live, white, red, black jack and post oaks; white ash; pig hickory; shag bark hickory; red hickory; crab apple; holly; red bud; chinaberry; honey locust; black locust; silver pecan; magnolia; Australian long leaf; short leaf and larch pines; catalpa; cottonwood; ginko; cherry laurel; wild cherry; lilac; pecan; peach; pear; black and English walnuts; persimmon; dogwood; English and American elms; sassafras; hickory; mulberry; and swamp bay.

It's a hard job for the tree surgeons and their crews are kept busy with sprays and pruning. Just now they are busy cultivating the dogwoods that were set out about three years ago along the roads leading to the post and around the summer homes.

Secrets of materials is hampering the work of caring for the trees, too, Sgt. Purvis said with quite a few large limbs on several trees needing cable, but the trees are too large to be cut down. He has worked on some of the large estates in the North and also was employed for some

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505th Paratroopers Practice On Simulated 'German' Village

Down To Earth
Laborers Are Hard
Work For Boys

Persons believing that parachute troops spend their time jumping out of airplanes should follow a platoon of the 505th Parachute Infantry as it goes through a problem in a simulated attack on a German village.

For several weeks now the platoon problem has been going on. Each platoon starts from a given point and on the way to the objective every kind of obstacle is encountered. "German" tanks are met, artillery barrages are laid down on the advancing men, wire entanglements are set up. Not the least obstacle is plain old Georgia mud.

As the platoons approach the village they come to a road. To cross it means exposing their approach. The only other choice is to crawl through a culvert which usually is half filled with water, but through it the men go.

Nothing is overlooked within the village and the men often find, to their embarrassment, that they are suckers for booby traps. The "German" village, incidentally, is made up of old shanties that once were colored help homes on the Alabama farm which is now a part of the sprawling Fort Benning reservation.



Canadian Jumpers Enjoy Officer K. P.'s Friday

First Unit in U.S.
Celebrates New Year
With Quaint Custom

When the First Canadian Parachute Battalion spends its first New Year's on U. S. soil, the troops will start the year off by having the officers and sergeants wait on the enlisted personnel for mess on New Year's Day.

It's an old Canadian custom, it seems, and as Capt. Jeff Nicholson, of Winnipeg, who is in command of the Battalion, while Lt. Col. George Fred Preston Bradbrook is in Canada on official business, described it—"The men wait on the officers at mess 363 days of the year so why shouldn't we do it on Christmas and New Year's?" Officers and sergeants will set the tables, help prepare the food, act as K.P.s, serve the food, and then eat with the men at the various company messes on New Year's Day, just as they did on Christmas day.

After serving the men, the officers and sergeants will wash the dishes, sweep and mop the floors, clean the ranges and generally do all of the work that the regular kitchen police detail would do normally.

NEW MESS HALL

Sergeants of the Battalion have now formed a company mess. It was organized this month by Sgt. Major A. C. Hincks, of the Black Watch, president of the new group.

The Canadian military attaché in Washington has been asked to secure an autographed photo of President and Mr. Roosevelt to be returned at a ceremony on New Year's Day.

Year's Day under the American colors alongside a picture of the King and Queen of England under the British Union Jack.

"As the first sergeant's mess of any Canadian outfit ever formed on United States soil, we shall keep pictures and flag always,

and it will form part of our tradition," Regimental Sergeant Major W. J. Clark, who organized the mess, said today. "When we get to England, we shall try to have the King and Queen autograph their picture for us."

we should secure the picture of President and Mrs. Roosevelt in time for New Year's Day, we are appealing to people in Columbus or on the post at Fort Benning who may have a picture that we could use. A Columbus store found one, but it was five feet high and we couldn't get it out here."

L.T. BACON NAMED IN PROMOTION

Lt. Fletcher H. Bacon, post investigation and surveyor officer, has been promoted to first lieutenant.

On May 8, he has served in his present capacity.

Lt. Bacon is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and a former resident of East Chattanooga.

He is married and lives in Benning Park.

Always camouflage a motor vehicle so that its sharp outline and the shadow it casts will be broken up and appear natural to the eye.

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Want a detail—want an expert in nearly anything—want an interpreter—need several dozen men for a cadre—want a labor group—want almost anything?

Chances are that DEML will supply it.

For in the Headquarters Detachment, Detached Enlisted Men's Listing, men are ranging in skills from trained laborers in various fields to clerks and to experts in many lines, including linguists, newspaper men, and attorneys. There's even a tree surgeon.

The DEML was formed about 18 months ago and now is under command of 1st Lt. Samuel Lowry. From its ranks all the men who have been needed of Post Headquarters and the various posts have been supplied.

First Lt. Field Stove sat down recently and figured out the scope of main activities in which the members of the Detachment are used. From the ranks come the main gunners and the prime movers, as well as the stockade guard. Men of the group supply all details for service clubs as well as for theaters. Range guards and members of the Detachment top.

OTHER DETAILS
Other details supplied from personnel of the Detachment include men for the post chaplain's office, stenographic office, swimming pool, Billiards office, bowling alleys, golf course, Officers Club, re-

cruting office, rail transportation office, carpenter shop, nursery library and the Children's School.

Men who work at various jobs in Post Headquarters also are all attached or assigned to the Detachment.

In addition to supplying the personnel for these varied jobs, the organization is charged with caring for all transients, casuals and air corps unassigned. If a man is left behind for any reason, he is an organization moving out, he is transferred and fed at the Detachment. If any fatigue details of unusual nature are needed, the Detachment is called on to supply the men.

But that isn't all. A man from the organization comes to the train and takes new arrivals who are being transferred to the Post. Whenever some enlisted man shows up at the station with no very definite place to go, he is sent to the Detachment until his papers are straightened out. At the same time, men discharged for any reason or who are being transferred to another post, all are routed through the Detachment.

Sometimes an entire unit coming onto the Post will be handled for several days by the Detachment, just to make things interesting for the officers. Sometimes the organization is called on to supply interpreters, too, since many of the men either have studied languages or come from backgrounds where different tongues were spoken.

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African AEF

Eats Turkey

Pointing out how special food treats for American soldiers can be a great morale builder, Col. Stephen B. Massey, director of supply at Fort Benning, tells of how turkey, delivered to the front lines in Libya by transport plane, was served on Thanksgiving Day as a rare treat.

Capt. Porter R. Chandler, an Army Air Forces officer, recently wrote to the War Department telling of the incident as follows:

"Our diet here is largely beef and hardtack, varied occasionally byhardtack and bully beef, but yesterday we actually had Thanksgiving turkey, delivered by transport plane. Can you imagine the surprise down there that turkey was the best morale builder the Army Air Forces ever had."

boy, Dec. 28, Co. "G," 21st Q. M. Pfc. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, boy, Dec. 28, Co. "F," 80th Field Artillery Bn.

'Who'll Carry the Mail—?' Is O. C. Platoon's War Cry

"Way back in the days of the Pony Express, in a little town in the Panhandle of Texas lived a man known as Pappy Byers. Things were normally peaceful in this little town were Pappy lived until one day in came an express rider, shot full of lead and arrows, to tell the townsmen that he had run into a band of Indians on the warpath led by a group of red-skinned whites. The rider had been able to find out, was only a small part of a large force of thousands and they were headed towards the town from all sides.

Well, the rider was taken to the local doc's office and immediately the doctor had to amputate a leg for him. The doctor then told him to get out of town as far as he could.

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Lt. Inzer Assumes Post At Headquarters

First Lt. John W. Inzer, has been appointed to the Judge Advocate section, post headquarters. Lt. Inzer will serve as assistant to Capt. George Fink, Judge Advocate, and a trial judge advocate at all courts martial. In addition he will assume the duties of assistant special service officer and insurance officer.

Since being called to active duty, Sept. 3, Lt. Inzer has served as a company officer with the Colored Reception Center on the main post. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, and prior to entering the service, practiced law for 17 years in Ashville and Gadsden.

At his height. We cannot certify as to the veracity of this but certain it is that as he hurdles the 8-foot wall on the posthouse fence he can be heard to sing out his dad's old cry of the plains which is so contagious that his platoon has adopted it as their battle cry and now, wherever they go, they can be heard yelling "Who'll carry the mail to Deadwood Gulch?"

Later on in his years Pappy moved to Arkansas and settled down to bringing up his family, among whom was a boy named Donald. This Donald grew up to be a true Texan, over six feet tall, and when he was old enough he joined the army. Late in 1942 he applied for Officer Candidate School and in October he arrived at Fort Benning and was assigned to the First Platoon, 18th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment.

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Later on in his years Pappy moved to Arkansas and settled down to bringing up his family, among whom was a boy named Donald. This Donald grew up to be a true Texan, over six feet tall, and when he was old enough he joined the army. Late in 1942 he applied for Officer Candidate School and in October he arrived at Fort Benning and was assigned to the First Platoon, 18th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment.

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1943—A Year Of Action; A Year Of High Resolve

Friday will usher in the year 1943. What it portends for the United Nations no man can foretell, but what all of us do and say during the forthcoming year will have an important bearing on whether we will be making ready next year at this time for joyous reunions with our loved ones and the resumption of the tasks we left behind us in civilian life.

It is true that never before has Janus, the two-headed God who looks back on the old year and forward into the new one, been so significant. Everywhere in this global struggle, the armed forces of the United Nations have seized the initiative and are on the offensive. Janus looks back upon the beginnings of this action in the fall of 1942 as American forces went into action in the Solomons and in North Africa, as the Russians began their mighty winter offensive which continues to roll back the Nazi hordes, as the British Army put Rommel, the desert fox, to flight.

No doubt we are in a much better position than we were a year ago. The future is much, much brighter, so much so that President Edward Beneš, the exiled Czech president, predicts victory in 1943, and General Wavell declares that the United Nations can now see clearly the road ahead for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

Yet we must heed the sage words of our Commander in Chief who warns that the road to victory will continue to be a hard uphill fight.

There is little doubt but what the Axis will soon turn upon us the propaganda guns of a tempting peace offensive. We must keep in mind that every word of propaganda issued by the enemies of the democracies has a definite purpose. With their "peace" offensive, they will be seeking to cause us to relax in our preparations, to throw us off balance as it were.

The New Year's resolution of all of us must be to keep driving ahead with every ounce of energy at our command. Let the enemy talk to his heart's content; our response must be action and more action. We must make the firm resolve to waste not a single precious moment in our work, we must resolve to tighten our belts and save—time, food, rubber, gas, oil, metals, and money, the latter in spite of increased taxes. Let us not stop buying more and more bonds. Christmas is here, the war is not. The year 1943 is here, the year which might bring the death blow to the enemy.

Officer Candidates A Versatile Lot

Much speculation has been going on concerning O. C.'s. Just what kind of guys are they? What makes them think they can take a thirteen week's course and come out fit to lead a platoon in combat?

For one thing, these men have confidence. It's a confidence self born of an ability to take a tough job, any job, and handle it well.

Jim Carrington, for instance, came here from the Pacific Coast by way of the Philippines. Jim's a Missouri City, Texas, boy, who started in the Texas oil-fields as a roughneck, handled those oversized supply trucks, and wound up building rigs. Compared to a roughneck crew even a platoon of the toughest marines would come easy.

Dan W. Ford, on the other hand, blew a saxophone in Clyde McCoy's orch. This character has signed up for the parachutists to gain firsthand experience, we suppose, in practicing his secret love, undertaking. Ford has been studying an I. C. S. course and expects a brisk business. He's a St. Petersburg, Fla., product, and was frustrated at Camp Bowie, Texas, for several months while exiled to the 31st Div. Art. HQ. Co. and even played Indian town Gap for two months.

Diversity in vocations is found in the checkered career of Uncle Walter H. Conner, who shook the dust of Social Circle, Ga., from his feet these many years ago. The bright lights and oval track of Louisville finally lured this connoisseur of horses and women after he tired of jobs such as newspaper reporter, football coach, credit manager, railroad fast freight chaser, and hotel and bank clerk. This correspondent is overjoyed to announce that Uncle Walter once was that much maligned personage, the Fuller Brush Man. Conner closed out his civilian occupations as a theatre manager when he graciously accepted the President's invitation to become a Service Man.

The Infantry School itself claims that scholastic achievements are not the first requirement around here.

Now, we don't mean that brains ain't necessary, but we do mean that Keats and Einstein even would have to be on the ball in other ways to survive the treatment.

However, we nominate Francis H. Deter as our fountain of knowledge. "Doctor" Deter officiated as the principal of Batavia High School, in the suburbs of Cincinnati for several years, and has lectured at the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State while not second-guessing the football teams. It is fortunate for him his racket is philosophy. This school requires a philosophical outlook. Deter's claim to fame results from two feats, (1) he is the only live, flourishing poet to keep out of the "Atlantic Monthly," and (2) while acting as squad leader the other day he bellowed "Follow me" in such a resounding bass that three platoons stung arms and marched off.

The above mentioned candidate has been offered in direct contrast to the unnamed, unheroic hero who found out in his twelfth week it is not required to initial the daily bulletin.

We sometimes wonder what that nationally known tenor in a neighboring class thinks about

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while getting a rising inflection on "Hong-Kong."

But to return to the subject. O. C.'s are just an ordinary bunch of guys who want to help out, even to taking what is probably the most thankless job in the army, next to the first sergeant's.

One of them, Ippol Ferdinand Bongioli, used to be a foreman in a limestone quarry, we don't know where he's from but we are confident he won't be confused with anyone else. We just brought him in to illustrate what can happen when parents let themselves go.

By the way, address any inquiries concerning G. I. Zippers to Candidate Carl Bovard, who once sweated in a Talon Zipper factory supervising the operation of closing the damaged things prior to shipping. Bovard's headed for the ski troopers.

This weapons course is a snap to Lewis Clinkscales Brownlee, who came to U. S. direct from the office of chief deputy sheriff of Conroe, Tex. Yes, by all that's holy, it really is Clinkscales. We passed through Conroe once and we respect Clinkscales.

Slipping around in our oily fashion we examined some rare examples of initiative, courage, resourcefulness, and fast thinking, all qualities valued by the school. It is unfortunate that most of these incidents are of such a nature as to preclude the use of names. We would like to offer the tale of Candidate "X."

"X" once made a living on the spur of any moment. Prior to an Army-Navy game in Philly some time back, he got a brain-wave. Why not buy a flock of rubber footballs and sell them to the patrons of the game? Candidate "X" invested his fortune in a thousand Army footballs and a thousand Navy footballs and started out. He arrived on the scene, gathered some of the kids who always hang around such an affair, and employed them to blow up the two thousand footballs. A cold, drizzling rain only inspired this entrepreneur who was so enthusiastic he felt he had the competitor of the hot-dog. But there is always something.

The cops got our friend before sal No. 1 was made. Some technologies such as a license, child-labor, etc., had arisen; and Candidate "X" was clapped into the jug.

The judge, a Navy man, let him out only after the game, and there he was, stuck with two thousand anachronistic footballs.

Nothing daunted, this live-wire conceived the idea of selling the entire lot to the proprietor of a Gay Nit Spot to drop out of his balloon loft. Unshaven, wet, bedraggled, unnerved by the unusual experience of being held by force, he pulled himself together and put the sale across.

Candidate "X" remained to squander his profits and see his triumph. At the merry height of the festivities the Gay Nit Spot's prop. raised his hand and released the footballs. He saw no gaily drifting vari-colored balloons such as those to which he was accustomed. Those footballs came down like two thousand G. I. pancakes and broke up enough glassware to let Kress & Co. show a nice annual profit."

J. B. Colby
1st. STR.

Our Honored Dead Live On Forever

We are proud of our dead, proud of his spirit that urged our men to leave their homes and beloved to fight and die for the cause of humanity. What matters that a simple disheveled mound marks the spot of their burial? These men have not died in our hearts. They live with us in the immortal spirit of America—of the Washingtons, Lincolns and John Joneses.

Yes, we are proud of our dead, proud of the minutemen who answered in the hour of need, proud of the unconquerable spirit of freedom that lives among us, proud of everything American.

This is our America and we chose it as a haven of free-thinking, free worshipping and free living. We are ready to exact a terrific price for each inch of its ground, ready to follow in the footsteps of those men who fell in the Philippines, in Guadalcanal, in Africa, rather than give up our rights.

We are proud of those great souls who stood up and defended these shores. Theirs have been glorious deaths, however unnoticed or distant, and we vow to carry on in their stead, vow to fulfill the purpose of our efforts. We know there are millions of Joes and Harrys ready to follow us. We revere that humble mound of the American soldier with its broken bayonet crucifix as representative of the undying spirit of our blessed land.

Anonymous.

11th Co., 1st S. T. R.

Men who didn't enlist before now find that they can't. Homes which didn't conserve before now find themselves rationed. Let's volunteer for the rest of our responsibilities before any more of them have to be assigned.

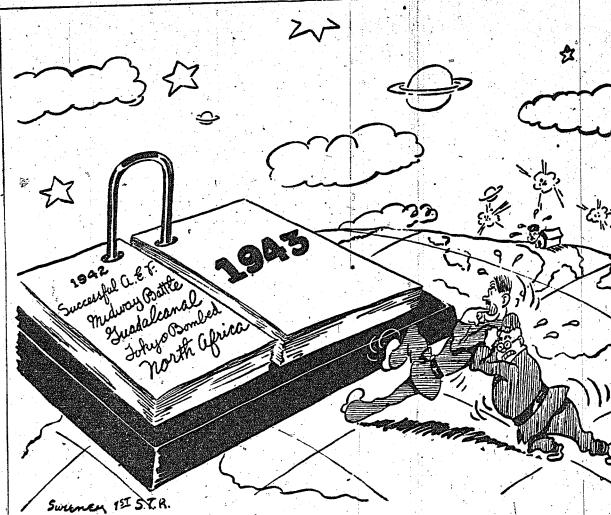
There's enough for everybody's need, but not enough for everybody's greed.

There are only two times in the world—now and never.

Fight to build a new world now or we'll be out of the fight when the building starts.

If we want peace on earth we might try good will toward the fellow next door.

It's not his ability to kick but his ability to pull that makes the mule a valuable animal.



USO Presents

A RECORD OF UNSELFISH SERVICE AS 1942 IS VIEWED IN RETROSPECT

By Cpl. Solomon S. Kleindorff

A review of the past year of entertainment and other services afforded the men of Fort Benning by the USO of Columbus bus shows a lot of changes and outstanding events.

Starting with the USO Club at Ninth Street, which is run by the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Catholic Community Service.

This club alone is a challenge to Hitler and his mobs. He claims that Jews and Catholics are at each other's throats and just can't live together. In this club we find not only are they working in perfect harmony but they are doing better now than they did as individual clubs.

A lot of credit goes to Edward Korn, director of the JWB in Columbus and Eugene Bergmann, acting in the same capacity for the NCCS, for the fine record they have hung up.

The club was opened in May of '42 and to date has established the all time high of an average of 60,000 to 70,000 soldier participants per month.

This club has tried to satisfy all of the different tastes of the soldiers by having an average of 105 different activities per month, consisting of special concerts by the Community Chorus, Three Arts League and other organizations; Cabaret Nights for men who like to dance with the girls and not worry about someone cutting in on them; USO Town Hall for soldiers and civilians alike, who want to express their opinions and have others shout them down; Salute to the States, giving the men a chance to show how much they know about their own states with a free long-distance telephone call as a prize; and bringing such things as entertainment to the men in the camp.

Another club that opened in the early part of the year is the Salvation Army USO Club in Phenix City, now under the direction of Capt. Richard T. Bergren. Since its opening the club has become the official meeting place for a lot of organizations. Just this past month the club was for the official Phenix City Christmas festival. The programs over on the other side of the river take on a more or less in-

formal atmosphere. This club has built a name as the "marrin' club" with more than 30 in the past year to its record.

Speaking of informal atmosphere brings to mind the one club in town that has built its reputation on the homely surroundings. The club is the Salvation Army USO in Columbus. Seeing a great many changes in its direction, the club has in a way been run by one Mell Talbot and to her goes all the credit. One of the nicer stories to come out of this club is the one about the soldier who walked up to Mell and told her how good it made him feel to see a pretty dress on someone. This has nothing to do with reflections upon anyone else but in many of the club's a soldier couldn't get up the courage to say a thing like that.

The Army and Navy YMCA-USO seems to like to celebrate all types of events. They had a big time during Navy Day and the 16th anniversary of the Marine Corps. There were dances, broadcasts, and plenty of specimachers, but maybe the latter shouldn't be stressed if soldiers are expected to attend the future programs. This year saw the club rebuilt and a patio for dancing, skating, and broadcasts added. One of the outstanding dances held at the club is the OC dance for Officer Candidates ONLY.

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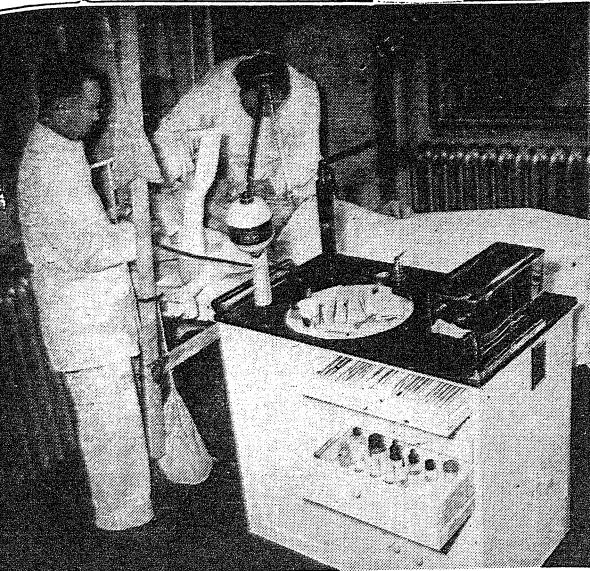
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DENTIST'S DRILL comes to the bed-ridden soldier as new device is put to use at Benning. (Signal lab photo.)

Dehydrated Food Provides Balanced Diet

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 30.—If an American soldier can get along without meat for one meal, he can now sit down to dinner with every item on the menu a dehydrated food. From soup to a dessert-like pudding with raisins, it was revealed today at the Distribution Branch, headquarters Fourth Service Command.

In such a meal he would start off with dehydrated chicken soup, or he could have vegetable soup if he desired, containing a mixture of soy beans, green beans, carrots, cabbages, beets, onions or sweet potatoes. If he happened to be from Boston, he could have his home town's famous dish—baked beans, also dehydrated. For his drink he could have lemonade made from lemon crystals and the fruit part of the meal would be "apple nuggets."

He would then polish off the repast with the latest member of the Army's dehydrated food family, rice pudding, which has been perfected after much experimentation. In its concentrated form the pudding is a mixture of pre-cooked rice, processed rice, sugar, salt, spices and vanilla flavoring in proper proportions. It requires only the addition of water and cooking to convert it into a tasty dessert. The rice is pre-cooked until it contains not more than 10 per cent moisture. When water is added it returns to its original grain character and produces a pudding that looks and tastes like ordinary grain rice.

These dehydrated foods are used for the soldiers overseas, it is explained, as the concentrated foods save much shipping space. As an example, the overseas shipment of 27,000,000 pounds of rice is to be reduced to 3,000,000 pounds which would save at least 500,000 cubic feet of cargo space. This amounts to more than the capacity of two cargo ships, or about 10,000 ships' tons.

According to figures released today by Col. Melville A. Sander, Chief Dental Surgeon, more than 14,000 dental extractions and almost 600 full dentures will have been supplied by the end of this year, with 200 bridges being made, 100 rebases and nearly 500 restorations.

A total of 29,000 extractions will be made during the year, and the work of the Dental Clinic in placing emphasis on saving and replacing teeth, will have replaced almost 65,000 sets of dentures.

Altogether, more than 75,000 fillings will have been made, with 15,000 cleanings, 7,500 teeth treated in an effort to save them for filling at a later date, 12,000 treatments of gums.

Dental surgeons will have treated 350 persons under routine admissions after examinations and performed 14,000 emergency jobs—and these are real emergencies that arise at any time of day or night when an enlisted man or officer may be attacked by a severe toothache.

"The results being set here are a splendid one in saving the teeth of our soldiers," Col. Sanders pointed out. "With the way it goes in an advanced course.

Lt. Col. Frederick R. Urditz, former officer of the First Student Training Regiment, and later executive officer of the Student Training Brigade, is now back in his old battalion as a student of officer in the Fourth Company. The lieut. colonel is now "First Sergeant" in the student company. Lt. Col. Albert H. Gandy, formerly commander of the Service Battalion, is squad leader in the same student company.

erson pointed out. "With the Army taking in older men during the past year, the soldiers requiring dental work like that for duty has increased. Many of these men had never visited a dentist in their lives. Others had gone to dentists only in case of emergencies, and had no idea of proper care of teeth.

TECHNICIANS TRAINED

"Work of the Clinic consists not only in caring for the dental needs of the men, but in training technicians. There are 10 women dentists who are experts, and they assist in training men from the Medical Detachment as dental hygienists, X-ray technicians and laboratory experts also. Men from the hospital train units preparing to go overseas are receiving training here, and in the future they will be given full dental care, even to making dentures, right in the field."

The Dental Clinic is spread all over the post, in order to give service to the men. At the main post, a 15-chair clinic is maintained at the Station Hospital under Maj. R. D. Watson, while at Dispensary A, 15 chairs are maintained under Lt. Col. A. L. Bartlett. In the 10th Armored Division area, a 15-chair clinic is directed by Lt. Col. Chester Fordyce, while in the Harmony Church area the needs of officers, candidates and regulars are met by a six-chair clinic directed by Lt. Nathan Alderstein. In the Alabama area, an eight-chair clinic administers to the parachute troops under the direction of Maj. Rex Matheny.

Expansion still going on with buildings up in the Third Student Training Regiment area and another building in the Harmony Church area, now awaiting installation of equipment before they begin functioning.

In the laboratory, eight assigned enlisted men work eight hours a day under the direction of Capt. W. F. Maury making dentures or bridges, turning out work every bit as expert as any big commercial dental laboratory in the country. Six dental students attached from the station hospital or from hospital trains for training also. They will be required to perform work in the field for their units later.

Besides the dental work of the



ROSA ROLLAND—The art of terpsichore will be interpreted by Rosa Rolland when "Manhattan Music Masters" play at Theatre No. 10 in the Alabama area of Fort Benning Jan. 7. Miss Rolland, who studied at the Metropolitan Opera school of dance and with Michael Fokine, was a member of the Corps de Ballet of the Radio City Music Hall, before joining the Metropolitan Opera Company last where she remained for five years. During the past year she has appeared as a member of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

'Music Masters' Play Alabama Area Jan. 7

A musical treat of rare excellence will be presented by Rosa Rolland when "Manhattan Music Masters" play at Theatre No. 10 in the Alabama area of Fort Benning on Jan. 7 when the "Manhattan Music Masters," a group of talented vocalists, musicians, and dancers, offer their program of popular classical and operatic favorites.

Recruited from the top quality talent of the musical field, "Manhattan Music Masters" will present the equivalent of a compact concert season in an evening of singing, playing, and dancing. The program will include such popular favorites as "Marianette" from "Student Prince" by Kurt Weill; "All the Things You Are," by Romberg; Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Song"; Fritz Kreisler's "Liebeslied"; the famous aria "Largo Al Factotum" from "The Barber of Seville," and excerpts from Gershwin's opera, "Porgy and Bess."

Brought to Fort Benning through the efforts of the Special Service office, "Manhattan Music Masters" uses such top-flight artists as Agnes Davis, soprano; Garland Swift, Baritone; Byrd Elliot, violinist; Howard Kubik, pianist; Rosa Rolland, dancer; and Nicolas Beriozoff, dancer.

The show has been organized and presented by the concert division of USO-Camp Shows Inc. and is presented free to the men in the armed forces.

A new Town Hall series is being planned by the USO Club at 100 Ninth street in Columbus, it was announced today by Edward Korn, who will act in an advisory capacity. An appeal was issued for soldiers who have lived in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Norway, or other occupied countries to participate.

The men are wanted to tell their stories and also to recount how they opposed to Nazi forces is being organized on the Continent of Europe, Mr. Korn said.

Men are requested to get in touch with Mr. Korn at the USO club, 100 Ninth street, or call him at Columbus 7914.



Shain Sent To Harvard

Jewish Services To Be Continued During His Absence

Lt. Samson A. Shain, Jewish chaplain at Fort Benning, has been ordered to Chaplain's School at Harvard University for a month's course of study. Lt. Col. Frank M. Thompson, chief of the post's chaplains branch, announces.

Competent individuals have been secured to lead the religious services directed by Chaplain Shain, but due to the difficulty of obtaining leaders for all six services, it will be necessary for men of all Lawson Field organizations and the 11th Infantry to attend services. Friday night in the Children's School, 11th Infantry Battalion, 9th and 802nd Field Artillery, will join men of the Second Student Training Regiment in their Sunday morning services in Building B-7.

The revised schedule for the month of January is:

2nd—In the Main Post, All

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the 505th, 506th, and 507th Para-

chute Infantries.

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and 802nd Field Artillery:

Every Sunday morning at 10:30,

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For men of the 10th Armored

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Every Monday evening, at 7:30,

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Chaplains—

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Again," by my friend, Dr. Robert Freeman, may furnish the needed inspiration:
I played with my blocks—I was but a child, Houses I builded, castles I piled; But they tottered and fell, all my labor was vain; Yet my father said kindly, "We'll try it again!" I played with my days—what's time to a lad?

Why pore over books? Play, play and be glad! Till my youth was all spent like a sweet summer rain; Yet my father said kindly, "We'll try it again!"

I played with my chance; such gifts as were mine.

To work with, to win with, to serve the Divine,

With prodigal hand I did waste and profane;

Yet my father said kindly, "We'll try it again!"

I played with my soul, the soul that is I,

The best that is in me—I smothered its cry;

I lulled it, I lulled it, and now, O the pain

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PRIVATE DINING

Baumer Made Major; Goes To Capital

Officer To Set Up Machine Methods For O. C. Schools

Promotion of Capt. Edward E. Baumer to the rank of major was announced here this week just as the personnel officer of the Student Training Brigade of the Infantry School prepared to leave for a new assignment in Washington.

Major Baumer is being transferred to Washington to work with the Methods and Materials Branch, Control Division, of the Adjutant General's Office to work out details for the establishment of a system of business machine methods for processing soldiers in all Officer Candidate schools and the personnel training centers in the army.

As personnel officer of the Student Training Brigade here, the unit which processes the huge number of Officer Candidates reporting to the Infantry School, Major Baumer set up a system here which cut a wide swath through what was formerly a very complicated system of paper work.

Major Baumer received his commission in the Ordnance Corps following graduation from Rutgers University. In private life he was a practicing attorney in Newark, N. J. He was called to active duty in 1940 as one of the few Reserve Officers selected to attend a three-month course at the Infantry School, returning to his private life in June of that year. He was again called to duty in October of 1940, coming back to The Infantry School where he held a number of important positions, including the expansion of the School to its present size, including adjutant of the First Student Training Regiment and adjutant of the first Officer Candidate Battalion.

Released from duty in the fall of 1941, he was recalled again in February of this year to become personnel officer of the Second Student Training Regiment, newly organized to handle Officer Candidates. He went to Brigade headquarters when that unit was activated in July.

Major Baumer is a former New Jersey State A. A. U. swimming champion and was named to Spaulding's All-American polo team when he captained that polo team at Rutgers University in his

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MARY ANNE ROBINSON

MARY ANNE ROBINSON of the Infantry School Book Shop is just back from Fort Bragg where she spent the holidays with her son, in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. B. E. Harcos. Major Harcos is liaison officer on the General Staff of the Airborne Command. Major and Mrs. Harcos are well known at Benning having spent two tours of duty here.

Clarabelle Stevens is that proud of her husband that she has gone to great lengths to have him come to Benning. The Motor Transport Section here on the post is also that proud of Clarabelle for the way she is taking it. Just like a regular soldier herself.

The Finance Office salutes of its first grandmother—none other than Mrs. Ruth McKnight. A fine boy named Gilman Schutkus, Jr., whose poppa is hunting in the Pacific.

Some of the girls in the Infantry school went off for Christmas like Lillian R. King to Indianapolis and L. C. L. Hofhauer to St. Paul, but Mary Ellen King stayed at home and her sister, Pei, came to Benning from Georgia to spend the holidays with her. Mary also welcomed back to Headquarters and was a special guest for the party there.

Don't forget to include the Adjutant General's Department of the Infantry School in the list of Christmas parties.

Ethel Miller and J. Walter Prescott will never have an opportunity to forget their wedding date for it is December 7, 1942. He certainly was a wise fellow to select a day of such prominence and he won't ever be able to forget it, as if he would.

It was nice to welcome some of the men from the Ordnance office. Bonnie Reeves, Mary Lee Hug (incidentally, May Lee is a student at Auburn) and Robert Baxter are giving the Army a run-for-it-money in that snap navy outfit.

Remember all those mechanics learned to do about the other things? Well, they're off to school now and in just 110 days will be ready for Uncle Sam. Would you believe it if I told you they cried when they left Lawson Field? That must be a swell bunch down there to bring 'bout such sorrow in leaving.

Josephine Haggard is back at work after three weeks spent with the orthopedic. Could you imagine a nice girl like Josephine picking aspens to the bone with her hands but seems she was mighty happy to be back at the old desk this morning.

Horace W. Tiller looks grand when he visited the Depot the other day!

Hellzapoppin-

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great G. F., tapped, whirled and spun in several crack numbers. Their White Christmas ensemble, with lovely little Maxine Turner doing the solo work, was a gem of beauty.

The Three Grace Notes, a steplike trio to the Andrews Sisters, warbled trilly tunes and the boys stomped their feet for the girls. The old Sisters, an acrobatic duo, knocked one another around so much that they made the rough work on an obstacle course look easier than knitting.

BEN DOVA BEGINS OVER

For sheer talent, the internationally-famous acrobatic pantomimist, Ben Dova, really lived up to his name. He was a real showman, never sparing during a drunk routine, including the footlights and a lamp post prop.

Milton Douglas wise-cracks his way as the show's banter man, easily assisted by tubby Jack Lenard, who's bigger than an M-3 tank. The band, with a showman's attitude, carried off all the action and stage a bedroom scene in a sanitarium that is riot.

The show was produced by the inimitable Olsen and Johnson in the Winter Garden. Ghetty's New York stronghold, and lives to every standard set by the Broadway success. It's zany, unpredictable and screwballo. You won't be "hell-raising" like it at Benning until the Yanks march into Berlin and Tokyo.

Yeah man! Hellzapoppin' at the old camp ground this week!

senior year. At Rutgers he was sport editor of the college paper, captain of Scabbard and Blade military society and captain of his R. O. T. C. class. He received his law degree from night school at the University of Newark.

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Masons Plan Installations In Columbus

Scottish Rite Will Confer New Degrees; Soldiers Invited

Scottish Rite Masons at Fort Benning will be conferring the degrees of the Lodge of the New York's work of conferring the degrees by the Lodge of Perfection of the Columbus Scottish Rite Bodies, the meetings to be held in the Scottish Rite rooms in the Gilbert Building, 17th 12th Street.

The first meeting will be held on January 6, beginning with the organization of the class at 7:15 p. m. and the conferring of the Fourth Degree at 8 and the Fifth

Degree at 9 o'clock. The remaining degrees of the Lodge of Perfection will follow in three monthly meetings, on February 17, March 17 and April 7. On April 7 the first class will be organized at 7:15 a. m. and the conferring of the fourth through the fourteenth, the January class joining them for the Fourteenth degree.

The degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix, 15th to 18th, will follow on April 21, the Council of Kodosh, 19th to 30th, on May 5 and the Consistory degrees, 31st and 32nd, on May 19.

As the Columbus members of the Rite have no means of a personal contact with those at Fort Benning, soldiers are invited to note these dates and attend meetings whenever possible.

Those interested in receiving these degrees are invited to contact the secretary by phone, office 2-3091, home, 2-1178.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM BRYDEN, commanding general of the Fourth Service command, is pinning the Distinguished Service medal on Mrs. Arnold Funk, wife of the brigadier general who was cited for heroic action in the Philippines. Mrs. Funk received the medal for her husband at a review in Doughboy stadium last week. General Funk is believed to be a captive of the Japanese now. (Signal Lab photo.)

Height Tried 'Chutes In Army's Early Tests

World War Veteran Helped Rickenbacker, Doolittle In Work

A company of famed Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and Brig. Gen. "Jimmie" Doolittle in the days when they made the first parachute tests—which led up to the present tremendous program of paratrooping—is back in service again.

It's T. Charles T. Height, of Gulfport, Miss., now with the Ordnance department at Fort Benning as assistant shop foreman working on heavy tanks.

Back in 1918 he joined the U. S. Army and served until the end of the war, assigned to the 94th of the air, was promoted to sergeant major and became a member of the 94th for 10 months. After the Armistice, Rickenbacker came back and was in the organization, together with General Doolittle, a second lieutenant. Commanding officer of the squadron was Maj. Carl Spatz, now Maj. Gen. Spatz, commanding the U. S. Air Forces over overseas.

Capt. Height served as a crew chief for many months, flying with both Rickenbacker and Doolittle, servicing their personal planes and working with them in the first Army mass parachute unit. Height and eight or 10 others, all volunteers, made 100 others.

The men went up in planes, used dummies on the chutes, and then

recommended changes. This was done batch after batch of parachutes and the first ones were made by the men themselves, were made out on the edge of plane wings to be swept off by the open chute or to jump from the plane wing and then pull the ripcord.

NO AUXILIARY CHUTE

"We didn't have any auxiliary chute—so that if the ripcord didn't open it would have been lost. Our only casualty was a man who broke a leg and myself having landed in a mud puddle on day. I had to pick that stuff out of my hide."

As a result of the work done by Rickenbacker and Doolittle, and the volunteer enlisted men, many changes in design were made in the parachutes and from that started the parachute experience of the American Army going continuously.

Capt. Height also was in the crew of the De Havilland 4, powered with the Liberty Motor, that made a record-breaking altitude flight, 10,000 feet, in 1919.

When he left the Army in 1919, Capt. Height returned to Cleveland where he operated an oil station and machine shop. Now 43, he re-enlisted in May, 1942 and because of his experience on heavy motor equipment, was assigned to the ordnance department.

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